

FLORIDA TOPICS

Short Items from
all Sections
of the State

The Punta Gorda cigar factory is expected to be in operation by Sept. 1st. Twenty-nine negro gamblers of Tampa were fined \$234 to that city's exchequer one day last week.

Quarantine is established at Flomant, to stop all passengers and baggage coming from New Orleans.

J. H. Burton, former deputy clerk of the Escambia county court, has been found guilty of forging and falsifying court records.

The guava crop in the vicinity of Fort Myers will be lightest this season in many years, owing to the severe frost of last winter.

There is talk of moving the tannic acid factory away from Miami on account of the high rates charged by the railroads for shipping the product.

Ingles is coming to the front as a shipping point. The new industries that are being established there are adding much to the prosperity of that section.

Governor Broward has appointed Leon H. of Tampa; A. H. D'Alemberte, of Pensacola, and A. R. Wise, of Lake City, to be members of the State Board of Pharmacy.

Captain Smith, of Flamingo, has been released under a \$5,000 bond to appear at the next session of circuit court at Key West to answer to the charge of murdering his victim being Guy Bradley.

The safe of the Southern Express company, at Palatka, was opened by burglars between 3 and 4 o'clock Saturday morning, and currency to the amount of about \$2,000 was taken.

One of the most important cases ever tried in this state has just been filed at Key West, the county seat of Levy county, which involves the question of the entire town of Cedar Key.

Judge F. B. Carter has ordered a new term of the Escambia circuit court at Pensacola to try William F. Adams, the young man who murdered White and Edward Dansby at Pensacola.

The East Coast Fish company, at Palm Beach, has begun the production and raising of terrapin on a large scale. This delicious article of food is very scarce and expensive. — Miami News.

The State Fair Association has awarded the contract for the construction of the main exhibition building and is to begin this week. Stipulations are that the building is to be finished in eighty days.

Only about one-half of the government appropriation for harbor improvement at Miami has been expended and the remaining portion is expected Miami will have an excellent chance to her harbor. — Miami News.

Weekly bichloride bath, new overalls and shirts are among the luxuries at the Duval county jail. This addition to the bill of fare and routine at Duval County jail was added recently and is to be a part of the treatment of guests there for the summer past.

General Robert Bullock, after a long illness, died at his residence in Ocala Thursday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock, having passed the biblical limit of three score and ten years. In his death Marion County loses distinctively her "fate son" and one she always devoted to honor.

A freight train on the Atlantic Coast line ran into a freight car of the Tampa Electric Street Car company at the Lavette street bridge crossing, Saturday, lifting the electric car into the air, bringing it from its trucks and turning it completely over into the middle of Fayette street. No one was injured.

In answer to Governor Broward's request, the supreme court has declined to give an opinion on the constitutionality of the recently enacted law generally known as the Buckman educational act. The court is not authorized to pass upon the constitutionality of statutes affecting the governor's executive duties and powers.

The supreme court has sustained Judge Call in his decision against the "Jim Crow" bill. The decision was based on the provision of the law which admitted negro nurses of white children to sit in the white sections of street cars, which was declared to be class legislation. Douglas Wetmore, a negro lawyer, and member of the city council of Jacksonville, brought the case and argued it before the supreme court Friday. The supreme court sustains Wetmore in his various contentions and the law has been knocked out for good.

The pear crop of Jefferson county is proving to be a money winner for the growers.

Canned pineapples are now being shipped from the cannery at Delray to New York city.

The authorities at Key West are making a determined effort to stop the illegal gathering of sponges.

Columbia county is bound to have good roads, and with good roads there will be no trouble to get good people to use them.

The carpenter's union of Jacksonville inaugurated a strike on the Consolidated building, and called out about twenty-five men last week.

The State board of control has deeded the school property at Lake City to trustees and these trustees will establish a school of technology.

The dates of the Pure Food and Industrial Exposition to be held in Jacksonville, have been changed from November to January 4th to 18th.

A special election will soon be held in Pensacola to vote upon improvement bonds to the amount of \$750,000. The plans are to put in new sewerage, build a city hall, jail and police station and pave several streets.

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Isham Edwards, George Caldwell and Nelson Larkins, convicted of the murder of N. W. Eppes near Bradfordville, Leon county, last September.

Howell Herring of Plant City is accused of running a blind tiger. When the officers attempted to arrest him he drew two revolvers and fired once at the marshal. He was finally arrested and fined \$5 for resisting an officer.

The Manatee Light and Traction company has been granted a thirty-year franchise to establish in Palmetto a street railway. The operation of the railway, however, will not be till the bridge connecting Bradentown and Palmetto shall have been built.

E. R. Smith, conductor of the fourth division of the Seaboard Air Line railway, and seven others, both white and black, are under arrest on the charge of carrying on a systematic plan of robbing freight cars on the line between Fernandina and Tallahassee.

The grand jury of the circuit court of Dade county failed to bring in an indictment against Dennis Thomas and Dave Bradley, the two negroes suspected and held by the coroner's jury for a full investigation by the former body in connection with the murder of Charles Davis and daughter Elsie.

In view of the necessity for prompt and vigorous action by the State Board of Health instituting and maintaining quarantine stations and other necessary precautions to guard against an outbreak of yellow fever, and the expense attached thereto, the sum of \$10,000 has been made available for this purpose.

The grounds on which is soon to be erected Palmetto's tourists' and drummers' hotel is daily being the recipient of material for the commencement of the work. When this hotel is completed Palmetto can boast of one of the finest structures of the kind on the west coast, and that is as it should be, for her rapidly growing commercial trade certainly demands it.

There is at present ten houses in course of construction in New Smyrna and on the peninsula. Seven of them are in New Smyrna and the rest of them are on the peninsula. Five of the houses will cost from \$1,000 to \$2,300, while the others are not much under a thousand dollars. This is only a starter as plans have been drawn for a number of other houses.

John A. Graham was before the Palmetto council last week wanting a franchise to furnish the town with electric lights, and he and the council agreed upon terms by which he is to have the privilege of lighting Palmetto by electricity. In the course of his remarks he said he felt safe in saying he would have everything in working order and ready not later than November 1.

Prof. E. Moule informs the Jacksonville Times-Union that the demand for soap berry seed continues from all parts of the state. His second consignment of seed from Algeria are expected in about two weeks, and the third lot about ten days later. Requests for seed are coming so fast that Prof. Moule thinks he will have to order a fourth lot, as he wishes to supply all demands. In writing for seed send an addressed, stamped envelope to Prof. E. Moule, Jacksonville, Fla., and the seed will be sent as soon as possible.

Walter H. Bates has been appointed postmaster at St. Petersburg to succeed Roy S. Hanna.

One of the healthiest orange groves at Apopka has not been fertilized or cultivated in ten years.

If the drainage and irrigation schemes now proposed are ever carried out Florida will become a wonderful State.

No city in the entire country has a better telephone service than Miami. The entire system has been rebuilt and is new from beginning to end.

The gas plant at Gainesville was partially destroyed by fire Monday morning. Heroic effort was made to suppress the flames. The origin of the fire is not known.

D. M. Phifer, of Gainesville, has invented an improved turpentine chipper, which he claims is not only more easily manipulated than the kind now in use, but will do the work of four men in the same length of time. He will send the model to Washington at once, and hopes to have the patent issued and the tool before the public in a few weeks.

Col. Jas. T. Sanders is a candidate for the office of municipal judge of Miami. Col. Sanders is most excellently equipped for the place. He was among the first who went to Miami after the railroad was finished to that city.

John Gamble shot and killed Tom Jones last Saturday afternoon ten miles south of Live Oak. Gamble claims that Jones made a criminal assault on his wife, who is Jones' sister-in-law. Immediately after the killing Gamble surrendered to the marshal of Live Oak.

Mrs. Fannie Bliss, who for several years past conducted the Florida House in Jacksonville, is figuring in a sensational breach of promise case in New York, in which Emanuel Prell is the defendant. Mrs. Bliss wants \$25,000 to heal the wounds created by her disappointment in love.

The whirligig of time works many wonders. In years ago the gulf ports kept up a long and regular quarantine against Havana. Now Havana is one of the first cities of the gulf to quarantine against New Orleans. Havana from time immemorial was the breeding place and propagator of yellow fever. — Jacksonville Metropolis.

A State exchange says that if you wish to secure immunity from mosquitoes bites, mix a little alcohol and water and add a few drops of pennyroyal, then apply it to the hands, neck and face. Scattered on the bedding the odor will drive the pests from the sleeping room. Those to whom pennyroyal is offensive might use oil of cedar or citronelle with perhaps equally good results.

Shipments of fish from Titusville have been pretty heavy this week. About 85 barrels of fish were shipped Tuesday, about 60 barrels Wednesday and about 40 barrels Thursday, making in all about 200 barrels in three days. When we consider the scarcity of fish for the past few months it can hardly be expected that such shipments as the above can last any length of time. About all of the above shipments were mullet. — Florida Star.

Fire at Canaveral.

A big forest fire over on the peninsula last week was the cause of a peculiar phenomenon as well as of considerable damage to property in the vicinity of Canaveral. The phenomenon, says the Rockledge News, was produced when the column of smoke and hot air shot up from the fire and was not disturbed by a breeze, but the smoke remained suspended in the air almost at rest, the heat finally condensing the moisture in the upper air and a beautiful white cloud, umbrella-shaped, was formed just over the column of smoke, slowly rising and growing in size and glistening in the afternoon's sun. It was a most magnificent spectacle. The base of the great pyramid was of dark smoke while the cap was a beautiful white cloud, resembling a gigantic painting, being probably ten miles away. The view from the river front was unobstructed and many people feasted their eyes upon the grand sight. While the cloud was forming and the great spectacle was being lifted up, the fire was raging in the vicinity of Canaveral, "The Gables," one of the finest residences in that section, belonging to G. deG. Schuyler, caught from the blazing forest and was burned. Fortunately the furniture had been removed a short time before. The residence of Wyatt Chandler was entirely destroyed and Frank Wilson's deer park and fences were also burned and a stable belonging to W. C. Peterson. An area estimated to be over twenty miles was burned over, and as this was the first fire that had ever been over part of the area in several years the conflagration was immense and the resulting damage great.

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